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Dear Matt:

The Klamath National Forest appreciates the opportunity to provide both written and oral comments regarding the **Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters**, which is on the agenda for the June 3rd Board meeting. Below is a summary of the comments specific to the Wooley Creek Watershed that will be expanded upon by Forest Hydrologist Greg Laurie.

Grazing Allotments

- Active grazing allotments cover approximately 9% of the Wooly Creek drainage
- Actual use in Wooley Creek Watershed:
 - Cuddihy Allotment: 40 cow/calf pairs, VACANT
 - Little North Fork Allotment: 25 pair, 2 months
 - Red Rock: 30 pair, 20 days
 - Shackleford: 10 pair, 45 days
- The Cuddihy Allotment has been vacant since 2007 and there is a good chance it will not be permitted again due to the remote access.
- The active allotments are centered in the Scott Valley or North Fork Salmon River with only a small portion on the Wooley Creek side. Heaviest grazing is on Scott and Salmon part of the allotments.

Roads

- Road density = 0.07 mi./mi.²
- Half of the original road miles have been decommissioned (10.2 mi.)



Riparian Disturbance

- The Forest Service conducted an evaluation of riparian vegetation and shade in the Cuddihy Allotment in 2002. The condition of riparian vegetation was measured along 20 transects to evaluate grazing impacts on stream shade and microclimate characteristics. There was “No indication livestock browse is reducing shade”.
- Grazed areas are located mostly along ridgetops and those areas are only lightly grazed.
- Road impacts on shade are limited to 2 perennial and 14 intermittent stream crossings. Roads are generally located on ridgetops and do not follow valley bottoms

Sincerely,

/S/ JOHN C. SCHUYLER

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Enclosure (map)

